

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1398

By Coley

A RESOLUTION a resolution to honor and congratulate the Harding Academy Lady Lions varsity volleyball team upon winning the TSSAA Division II, Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is please to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Harding Academy Lady Lions varsity volleyball team is one such team, who recently won the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletics Association (TSSAA) Division II, Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication, and hard work, the team drew upon their considerable talents and reached the pinnacle of high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Hattie Rounder and Assistant Coaches Andrea Crum and Katie Wells provided expert guidance and leadership for these young women throughout their outstanding season; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and hard-working volleyball team, Harding Academy defeated St. George's in a 3-0 sweep in the finals of the TSSAA State Volleyball Championships; and

WHEREAS, Becky Leath opened the match with an ace on a jump serve, setting the tone for an aggressive match; the match point came on a block by senior Courtney Collins; and

WHEREAS, during the championship game, the Harding Academy girls' varsity volleyball team impressed the crowd with their characteristically composed offense, artful defense, and blocking and serving edge, all of which are remarkable; and

WHEREAS, guided by this year's Most Valuable Player (MVP), Lindsey Allison, the 2007-08 Lady Lions sealed their victory with scores of 25-12, 25-18, and 25-6 in the

championship matches, capturing their third state title; the team also won the title in 2002 and 1992 and finished in second place in 1980, 1978, and 1977; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey Allison, Amy Adams, and Courtney Collins were named to the Division 2-A All-Tournament Team, a fitting recognition of their ability, dedication, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Lions displayed great skill and character throughout their winning season, compiling a record of forty-four wins to only nine losses; and

WHEREAS, the members of the extremely talented and gifted volleyball team are Amy Adams, Lindsey Allison, Kristen Allison, Rachel Chandler, Courtney Collins, Lindsey Copeland, Megan Crawford, Jordan Creamer, Rebekah David, Miriam Harding, Becky Leath, Stephanie Wadlington, and Callie West; and

WHEREAS, the varsity volleyball players at Harding Academy epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the greatest degree of character both on and off the court; they inspired the Harding student body and united their entire community while completing their triumphant run through the season and postseason; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship volleyball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Harding Academy girls' varsity volleyball team for their success on the court and to thank them for serving as fine examples of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join the administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans of Harding Academy in celebrating the Lady Lions' TSSAA Division II, Class A State Championship in volleyball and honor and commend the talented young women who achieved this supreme success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.